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AGENDA ITEM: Regional Council New and Revised Strategies

BACKGROUND: The following Regional Councils are requesting approval to revise or add new strategies in SFY12.

Maricopa Regional Area	Phoenix/Yavapai Regional Area	Northeast Regional Area	Central East Regional Area	Southeast Regional Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northeast Maricopa• Northwest Maricopa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Phoenix• Central Phoenix• South Phoenix• Yavapai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coconino	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gila• Cochise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Central Pima• South Pima• Santa Cruz

A letter from the Chair and a financial summary provides the detail of the request for each Regional Council. The financial summaries are now being pulled from the Program and Grants System (PGMS) and provide following information:

Column 1: Provides the name of each strategy

Column 2: Includes the original allotment approved by the board

Column 3: Shows the current allotment which includes any approved changes

Column 4: Highlights new allotments in red

Column 5: Shows current award amounts

Column 6: Provides proposed new award amounts

Column 7: Includes the unawarded amounts.

RECOMMENDATION: The CEO recommends approval of all the proposed strategies and funding levels.



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June 3, 2011

Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board
First Things First
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Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

The Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council is requesting that the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board approve the Regional Council's request to make the following changes to their SFY2012 Funding Plan:

- For FY 2012, the funding plan narrative reflects 11 participating centers enrolled in Quality First. The budget was completed based on 10 centers. Therefore an additional \$29,800 was allotted from carry forward to Quality First (\$22,500), TEACH (\$3,300) and Child Care Health Consultation (\$4,000) Funding Allocation is needed for the 11 participating centers.

The Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approved the proposed revision at their April 12th, 2011 Council meeting. The attached spreadsheet highlights the above-mentioned change.

The Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council respectfully requests that the Arizona Early Childhood Health and Development Board approve the Council's request to make the change outlined above to the SFY 2012 Funding Plan. The Council is confident that the proposed change is in the best interest of children and families in the Northeast Maricopa Region.

Sincerely,

Stuart Turgel, Council Chair
Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: Northeast Maricopa
Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
Child Care Health Consultation	\$40,000	\$3,894,318.00	\$44,000.00	0.00		44,000.00
Community Awareness	\$10,000	\$10,000	10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00
Community Outreach	\$50,000	\$50,000	50,000.00	0.00		50,000.00
Crisis Intervention	\$297,000	\$297,000	297,000.00	0.00		297,000.00
Evaluation	\$342,346	\$342,346	342,346.00	0.00		342,346.00
Food Security	\$6,500	\$6,500	6,500.00	0.00		6,500.00
Home Visitation	\$212,500	\$212,500	212,500.00	0.00		212,500.00
Mental Health Consultation	\$375,000	\$375,000	375,000.00	0.00		375,000.00
Needs and Assets	\$7,000	\$7,000	7,000.00	0.00		7,000.00
Oral Health	\$200,000	\$200,000	200,000.00	0.00		200,000.00
Parent Education Community-Based Training	\$250,000	\$250,000	250,000.00	0.00		250,000.00
Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships	\$478,000	\$478,000	478,000.00	0.00		478,000.00
Quality First	\$225,000	\$225,000	247,500.00	0.00		247,500.00
Quality First Child Care Scholarships	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	1,100,000.00	0.00		1,100,000.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$33,000	\$33,000	36,300.00	0.00		36,300.00
Total	3,626,346.00	3,626,346.00	\$3,656,146.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$3,656,146.00
Total Unallotted		\$267,972.00	\$238,172.00			



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May 20, 2011

Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board
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Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

The Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council would like to solicit your approval to make changes to the Council's SFY2012 Regional Funding Plan. The proposed changes consist of an increase in funding to regional strategy **Pre-Kindergarten** and a reduction in carry forward dollars in the amount of \$175,000. The attached *Funding Plan Summary* reflects how the proposed changes will impact the Regional Funding Plan Budget.

At the May 20, 2011 regular meeting of the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council the Council voted to utilize carry forward dollars to increase its allotment to strategy **Pre-Kindergarten** from \$1.1 million dollars to \$1.275 million. The allotment increase was approved with the intent that the \$175,000 will be used to facilitate the provision of a preschool classroom in Aguila Elementary School.

At this time, Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council would like to request that you approve the Council petition to change the Northwest Maricopa SFY2012 Regional Funding Plan as proposed. The Regional Partnership Council believes that the proposed changes are in the best interest of the children and families of the Northwest Maricopa Region, and align with the mission and vision of First Things First.

Sincerely,

Jannelle Raddocia, Council Chair
Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: Northwest

Maricopa

Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$10,014,719				
Child Care Health Consultation	\$140,000	\$140,000	140,000.00	0.00		140,000.00
Community Awareness	\$220,000	\$220,000	220,000.00	0.00		220,000.00
Community Outreach	\$75,000	\$75,000	75,000.00	0.00		75,000.00
Community-Based ECE	\$249,634	\$249,634	249,634.00	0.00		249,634.00
Training						
Community-based Literacy	\$500,000	\$500,000	500,000.00	0.00		500,000.00
Developmental & Health	\$500,000	\$500,000	500,000.00	0.00		500,000.00
Screening						
Evaluation	\$619,395	\$619,395	619,395.00	0.00		619,395.00
Family Resource Centers	\$574,100	\$574,100	574,100.00	0.00		574,100.00
Food Security	\$100,000	\$100,000	100,000.00	0.00		100,000.00
High School Tech PD	\$220,000	\$220,000	220,000.00	0.00		220,000.00
Home Visitation	\$499,883	\$499,883	499,883.00	0.00		499,883.00
Injury Prevention	\$855,991	\$855,991	855,991.00	0.00		855,991.00
Media	\$105,000	\$105,000	105,000.00	0.00		105,000.00
Mental Health Consultation	\$250,000	\$250,000	250,000.00	0.00		250,000.00
Needs and Assets	\$15,000	\$15,000	15,000.00	0.00		15,000.00
Oral Health	\$500,000	\$500,000	500,000.00	0.00		500,000.00
Parent Education	\$550,000	\$550,000	550,000.00	0.00		550,000.00
Community-Based Training						
Pre-Kindergarten	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	1,275,000.00	0.00		1,275,000.00
Scholarships						
Quality First	\$744,000	\$744,000	744,000.00	0.00		744,000.00
Quality First Child Care	\$1,155,000	\$1,155,000	1,155,000.00	0.00		1,155,000.00
Scholarships						
Recruitment -	\$49,500	\$49,500	49,500.00	0.00		49,500.00
Stipends/Loan Forgiveness						
Scholarships non-TEACH	\$220,000	\$220,000	220,000.00	0.00		220,000.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$173,700	\$173,700	173,700.00	0.00		173,700.00
Service Coordination	\$189,863	\$189,863	189,863.00	0.00		189,863.00
Total	9,606,066.00	9,606,066.00	\$9,781,066.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$9,781,066.00
Total Unallotted		\$408,653.00	\$233,653.00			



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June 3, 2011

Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board
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Chair Lynn and Members of the First Things First Board:

The North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council is requesting your approval on the following items which were approved by the North Phoenix Regional Council at the April 12, 2011 meeting.

As part of the renewal process for SFY12, the Council considered grantees with contracts which began after July 1 of last year. It was noted that for 3 of the grantees, the proposed renewal amount was not annualized and that there were insufficient funds in the strategy to cover the increase necessary to reflect a full year of service. Therefore, the Regional Council is requesting the following changes in strategy allotments for SFY2012:

FY2012 Funding Plan Strategy Allotment Changes

Strategy	Previous Allotment	New Allotment Approved by Council	Difference
Parent Education Community Based Training	\$280,000	\$306,000	\$26,000
Home Visitation	\$1,500,000	\$1,546,000	\$46,000
Community Based Literacy	\$1,134,000	\$1,223,600	\$89,600

The changes outlined above represent a total difference of \$161,600. We respectfully request that these funds be deducted from the Carry Forward for SFY2012.

Thank you for your continued support as we serve the children of North Phoenix.

Jenna Goad, Chair



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May 16, 2011

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Chair Lynn and Members of the First Things First Board:

The North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council is requesting your approval for the following change to the SFY2012 funding plan:

- Increase SFY2012 Oral Health Strategy from \$300,000 to \$493,000

Background

In the SFY2011 funding plan, the North Phoenix Regional Council allocated \$493,000 for the Oral Health strategy. However, in SFY2011, the contract was not awarded.

At the Council meeting held on April 12, 2011, the Regional Council voted to direct staff to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County Department of Public Health in an amount not to exceed \$493,000. However, the strategy is not currently funded at an amount sufficient to cover the Council's request. The North Phoenix SFY2012 funding plan allocation for Oral Health is currently \$300,000 based on the assumption that the planning and initial implementation tasks would have been completed in SFY2011. As a result, the Council is requesting that the allotment for this strategy for SFY2012 be increased by \$193,000 for a total of \$493,000.

The contract is to provide education and outreach to families on the importance of obtaining timely oral health care for children and providing oral health screening and fluoride varnish. The contract includes an additional planning component to guide the Northeast Maricopa and North Phoenix Regional Partnership Councils in developing a comprehensive strategy for oral health programming.

We look forward to the Board's continued support as we serve the children in North Phoenix.

Jenna Goad, Chair
North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: North Phoenix
Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$14,016,557				
Child Care Health Consultation	\$944,000	\$944,000	944,000.00	0.00		944,000.00
Community Awareness	\$100,000	\$100,000	100,000.00	0.00		100,000.00
Community Outreach	\$100,000	\$100,000	100,000.00	0.00		100,000.00
Community-Based ECE Training	\$200,000	\$200,000	200,000.00	0.00		200,000.00
Community-based Literacy Developmental & Health	\$1,134,000	\$1,134,000	1,223,600.00	0.00		1,223,600.00
Screening Evaluation	\$175,000	\$175,000	175,000.00	0.00		175,000.00
Family Resource Centers	\$797,389	\$797,389	797,389.00	0.00		797,389.00
Family, Friends & Neighbors	\$700,000	\$700,000	700,000.00	0.00		700,000.00
	\$250,000	\$250,000	250,000.00	0.00		250,000.00
FTF Professional REWARD\$	\$200,000	\$200,000	200,000.00	0.00		200,000.00
Health Insurance Enrollment	\$440,000	\$440,000	440,000.00	0.00		440,000.00
Home Visitation Media	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	1,546,000.00	0.00		1,546,000.00
Mental Health Consultation	\$300,000	\$300,000	300,000.00	0.00		300,000.00
	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	1,250,000.00	0.00		1,250,000.00
Oral Health	\$300,000	\$300,000	493,000.00	0.00		493,000.00
Parent Education	\$280,000	\$280,000	306,000.00	0.00		306,000.00
Community-Based Training						
Quality First	\$1,797,250	\$1,797,250	1,797,250.00	0.00		1,797,250.00
Quality First Child Care	-	\$2,641,834	2,641,834.00	0.00		2,641,834.00
Scholarships						
Scholarships TEACH	-	\$483,500	483,500.00	0.00		483,500.00
Total	10,467,639.00	13,592,973.00	\$13,947,573.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$13,947,573.00
Total Unallotted		\$423,584.00	\$68,984.00			



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RE: Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council Adjustments to FY2012 Strategy Allotments

Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board:

The Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council respectfully requests your consideration and approval of adjustments to SFY 2012 Strategy Allotments.

The proposed changes to the allotments will allow increases to three critical strategies currently addressing the needs of children birth to age five and their families in the Central Phoenix Region. In addition, a new strategy, Family Support Service Coordination, is presented for your review and consideration.

The Council requests approval of the **reduction** of allotments to the following SFY 2012 strategies. These amounts reflect potentially unawarded dollars in the amount of \$558,822.

- Care Coordination/Medical Home - \$71,731 (Proposed new allotment \$928,269)
- Community-Based Literacy - \$79,944 (Proposed new allotment \$520,056)
- Crisis Intervention - \$248,191 (Proposed new allotment \$351,809)
- Developmental & Health Screening - \$112,174 (Proposed new allotment \$387,826)
- Health Professionals Education and Outreach - \$3,626 (Proposed new allotment \$521,837)
- Prenatal Outreach - \$6.00 (Proposed new allotment \$651,613)

The following strategies are submitted to the Board for approval of **increases**:

- Food Security - \$400,000 (Proposed new allotment \$800,000)
- Quality First Child Care Scholarships - \$1,000,000 (Proposed new allotment \$5,129,400)
- Health Insurance Enrollment - \$300,000 (a net increase of \$256,850 in addition to previously unawarded amount of \$43,150). Proposed new allotment \$479,842)

The following new strategy is presented to the Board for consideration and approval:

- Family Support Service Coordination - \$1,000,000

Service coordination is a family-level intervention that supports timely and efficient access to services by public and private service providers in the community. The Council believes that with this strategy, family education and support services through collaborations among community and neighborhood-based locations will be developed and implemented in the Region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gifford Loda".

Gifford Loda
Chair

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Regional Partnership Council: Central Phoenix
Year: FY12

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Care Coordination/Medical Home	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	928,269.00	0.00		928,269.00
Child Care Health Consultation	\$152,000	\$152,000	152,000.00	0.00		152,000.00
Community Awareness	\$11,645	\$16,645	16,645.00	0.00		16,645.00
Community Outreach	\$105,000	\$100,000	100,000.00	0.00		100,000.00
Community-Based ECE Training	-	-	0.00	0.00		0.00
Community-based Literacy	\$600,000	\$600,000	520,056.00	0.00		520,056.00
Crisis Intervention	\$600,000	\$600,000	351,809.00	0.00		351,809.00
Developmental & Health Screening	\$500,000	\$500,000	387,826.00	0.00		387,826.00
Evaluation	\$669,613	\$669,613	669,613.00	0.00		669,613.00
Family Support Coordination	-	-	1,000,000.00	0.00		1,000,000.00
Family, Friends & Neighbors	\$500,000	\$550,000	550,000.00	0.00		550,000.00
Food Security	\$400,000	\$400,000	800,000.00	0.00		800,000.00
FTF Professional REWARD\$	\$247,500	\$247,500	247,500.00	0.00		247,500.00
Health Insurance Enrollment	\$222,992	\$222,992	479,842.00	0.00		479,842.00
Health Professionals Education and Outreach	\$477,421	\$525,463	521,837.00	0.00		521,837.00
Home Visitation	\$1,167,375	\$1,320,000	1,320,000.00	0.00		1,320,000.00
Inclusion of Children with Special Needs	\$734,680	\$808,148	808,148.00	0.00		808,148.00
Injury Prevention	\$500,000	\$550,000	550,000.00	0.00		550,000.00
Media	\$364,134	\$364,134	364,134.00	0.00		364,134.00
Mental Health Consultation	\$600,000	\$625,000	625,000.00	0.00		625,000.00
Prenatal Outreach	\$592,381	\$651,619	651,613.00	0.00		651,613.00
Quality First	\$826,000	\$826,000	826,000.00	0.00		826,000.00
Quality First Child Care Scholarships	\$4,129,400	\$4,129,400	5,129,400.00	0.00		5,129,400.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$357,800	\$357,800	357,800.00	0.00		357,800.00
To Be Determined	-	-	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Total	14,757,941.00	15,216,314.00	\$17,357,492.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$17,357,492.00
Total Unallotted		(\$15,216,314.00)	(\$17,357,492.00)			



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**Family Support Service Coordination
Strategy Worksheet**

Strategy: Family Support Service Coordination- Develop, enhance and/or implement inclusive family education and support services through collaborations among community/neighborhood-based locations.

Services for families with children birth to five are often fragmented and families have challenges in finding the care, education and services that they need to support them in ensuring that their children are healthy and ready to learn.

The 2010 Needs and Assets Report for the region clearly identified “lack of awareness” as one of the barriers to families accessing needed services and supports. A comprehensive effort to coordinate access to services can reduce the incidence of families not accessing services because they are either unaware that the service/support exists, go to the wrong place to get information and access and/or do not have the opportunity to express their more complex needs. Not only do families require information about child development and access to high quality early care and education programs, they also can benefit from increased knowledge about available resources as well as recognition that they may benefit from such resources and supports.

Parents in Phoenix Central Region need family support services and assistance in accessing those services. Educational attainment among parents in the region is low, suggesting the need for more information and support for families who may be at-risk. According to the 2010 Needs and Assets Report, more than six out of ten babies born in the City of Phoenix had mothers with a high school education or less.

Many children in Phoenix also reside in homes that are linguistically isolated making access to appropriate services and supports even more challenging. According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, forty percent of the children in the region live in a home where family members do not speak English well. A large number of children in the Phoenix Central Region are also likely to live in immigrant families. Forty-eight percent of children in Phoenix live in an immigrant family. The vast majority of the children in such families are citizens. However, research has shown that such citizens are less likely than their counterparts in non-immigrant families to receive health insurance, go to a doctor, or attend preschool.²

The percentage of births to teen mothers in Phoenix is between 11% and 12%. Many babies born in the region are also at-risk due to their mother’s young age and their lack of adequate prenatal care. Such babies are at high risk, again suggesting a need for parent education and support. Such parents are often in need of direct, parent support services – but can also be challenging to reach or engage. The Central Phoenix Region is also challenged with adverse risk factors for African-American and Hispanic mothers who make up 40 percent of all births in Phoenix. The adverse risk factors in the Phoenix includes high risk pregnancies, high infant mortality, and lack of access/knowledge of prenatal and post natal care.¹

While there is so much need in the Central Phoenix Region, there are also many organizations that are providing, or are able to provide relevant services. The missing piece is service coordination; the ability of families to express their array of needs and to know how to access services to support those needs. By definition family support can range from simply needing a one-time food box to the complex situation of a family also needing housing, child care, and/or access to health care. Even if the family can specifically articulate those needs, each might include navigating the array of providers in the Region to find and access services from multiple agencies. While organizations currently refer to other organizations based on the needs of the family, there is no systematic approach that would support complete assessment of needs, development of service plans for families with complex needs, and informed, consistent and appropriate referrals across the family support network of providers. For many organizations, the services they can provide and the eligibility for those services is defined by their fund source, including but not limited to First Things First services.

Service coordination is a family-level intervention that supports timely and efficient access to services by public and private service providers in the community. The primary objectives of service coordination are to:

- o Identify and prioritize a family's needs
- o Identify the appropriate services and service providers for the family
- o Reduce duplication and increase access to services
- o Establish pathways and mechanisms for exchange of service delivery information and data
- o Conduct service planning and assure that services are provided in a collaborative manner that promotes flexibility, eliminates threatening competitive negativity among providers and provides consistent information to family members.

Family support is a continuum with multiple entry points. Families' best define the entry points based on their needs. A family in crisis will potentially seek support at a different entry point than the family needing information about early learning. However, in a systematic continuum with Family Support Specialists providing coordination, it will not matter where families enter, their needs will be systematically assessed and they will be referred and/or connected to the right place based on those needs.

A continuum of family support services cannot happen in a vacuum. It must include consistent engagement and assessment of the families' needs to: 1) determine the appropriate family support services, 2) to ensure connection to that service and 3.) to support the family is receiving the services needed to achieve their goals. The Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council envisions an open system of networking for families, one that is free of eligibility restrictions; families seeking support may enter into the system with individual needs and will access information and services at one of many locations with a Family Support Specialist.

Building a collaborative service model requires that participants develop a shared vision, recognize the value of working together and are willing to invest the time and resources necessary to help families achieve service objectives. For collaborative service models to be effective, participants in the planning process should have the authority to make commitments on behalf of their agency.

A Family Support Network of providers throughout Maricopa County is being developed with the support of the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. The Maricopa County Family Support Network envisioned, will provide a forum for development of cross agency processes for assessment, referral, and access to services that will support families in the Central Phoenix Region. The creation of the Maricopa County Family Support Network has the potential to be a guiding force behind developing the system of services and supports in a comprehensive, integrated fashion and to provide a forum for ongoing outreach, coordination and service planning.

And finally, the adoption of a Family Support Coordination model will serve families with multiple and complex needs by placing Family Support Specialists in participating family support agencies, with the objective of providing enhanced assessment, coordination and access to services for families with complex or multiple needs.

The provision of Family Support Coordination services envisions:

- Assessment of needs in multiple domains including but not limited to:
 - early care and education,
 - housing,
 - health care,
 - employment and
 - meeting basic needs.
- Development with the family of a family support plan designed to address the family's needs.
- Resource, referral and specific connection to the needed services and supports based on the assessment and family support plan.
- Provision of case management and follow-up services to ensure families with multiple and complex needs are able to access the services needed.
- Provision of direct services including case management, home visitation, and information for families regarding early childhood development and education.

Family Support Specialists will be strategically located to reach all communities in the region, specifically targeting where families currently go to access information and services. The Contracted agencies will collaborate with other grantees to ensure consistency in training, screening, assessment, family support planning and reporting to FTF. Responsibilities of each contracted agency include:

- Participation in the Maricopa County Family Support Network
- Collaboration with other grantees in the Network to assure consistency
 - Implementing Fiscal Controls and Reporting
 - Providing supervision of Family Support Specialist
 - Providing training or access to training for Family Support Specialist
 - Implementing ongoing Quality Assurance, Monitoring and Reporting of activities of the Family Support Specialist
 - Facilitating access to appropriate and relevant resource and service information.
 - Engaging community providers in understanding the role and purpose of the Family Support Specialist (This engagement may occur through the Family Support Network but must extend to agencies not involved with the Network.

- Family Support Specialists would: Meet a minimum requirement of a BA degree in early childhood, social services or a related field, and experience working with young children and their families.
 - Be housed in strategic locations throughout the Region
 - Be trained to use the same screening and assessment tool
 - Develop a family support plan for accessing services based on the families priorities
 - Be provided access to resource and referral information
 - Collect data regarding needs and gaps
 - Identify gaps in services in the Region
 - Facilitate access to services provided by other agencies / organizations
- Provide direct services to families
 - Facilitate problem solving with the family and other agency contacts
 - Conduct case management and follow-up with families to confirm that services have been accessed and the families are getting the results they hoped for from the service/support
 - Provide specific early childhood development information to the family.
- Requirements
 - The Grantees would be required to participate in the Maricopa County Family Support Network.
 - The Grantees would be required to collaborate with participating agencies in the creation of a summary report at the end of the year. This report would synthesize findings of each grantee highlighting the following:
 - a. Identify any of the barriers to family participation in the family support coordination programs (transportation, language, cultural competency, staff training, outreach, family friendliness, accessibility across zip codes)
 - b. Assess the effectiveness of outreach/ recruitment/enrollment processes for families into the family support coordination programs
 - c. Measure the rate of participation/saturation of programming (are eligible families participating at a rate that reflects the community need). Does the strategy have the scope and reach as identified by the council.
 - d. Measure the effectiveness of the intake process/ interview process to identify the needs of families and its impact on appropriate referrals for families.
 - e. Measure the effectiveness of follow-up and re-enrollment processes for families into the family support coordination program/network to ensure effective service delivery after referrals and services occur.

Lead Goal: FTF will coordinate and integrate with existing education and information systems to expand families' access to high quality, diverse and relevant information and resources to support their child's optimal development.

Key Measures:

- Percentage of families with children birth through age five who report they are satisfied with the accessibility of information and resources on child development and health.
- Percentage of families with children birth through age five who report they are competent and

confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health, and well-being.

Target Population

Family Support Specialists will be strategically located to reach all communities in the region specifically locating where families now go to access information and services. Services will be provided to any family in Central Phoenix with children 0-5 years of age seeking or identified as potentially in need of services.

	SFY2012 January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012	SFY2013 July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013	SFY2014 July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014
Proposed Service Numbers	Up to 8 Family Support Specialists serving up to 15 families per month – the Specialists may work with each family for two to 3 months – estimated to be 540 families Based on an average of 2 months per family	Up to 8 Family Support Specialists serving up to 15 families per month – the Specialists may work with each family for two to 3 months – estimated to be 720 families Based on an average of 2 months per family	Up to 8 Family Support Specialists serving up to 15 families per month – the Specialists may work with each family for two to 3 months – estimated to be 720 families Based on an average of 2 months per family

Performance Measures SFYs 2012

- Number of families served/ proposed service number
- Number of children ages 0-5 served/ proposed service number
- Number of referrals/proposed service number
- Number of families who successfully meet family service plan outcomes/actual service number (minimum questions provided by FTF)
- Number of referrals with appropriate follow-up/number of referrals
- Number of contacts with participating providers
- Number of Assessments Conducted

Family Support

- a. Percentage of families with children birth through age five who report they are satisfied with the accessibility of information and resources on child development and health.

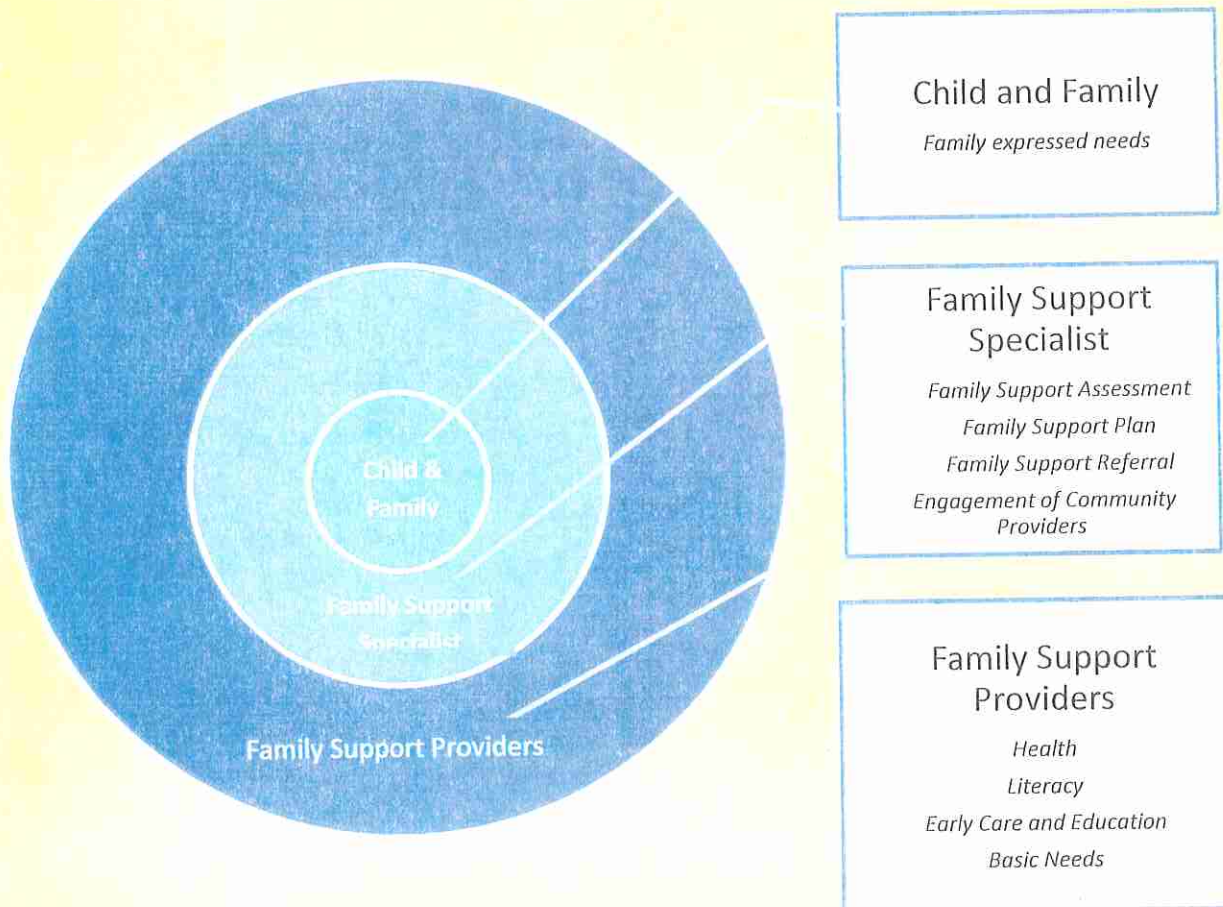
Coordination

- a. Percentage of families who report they are satisfied with the level of coordination and communication among agencies serving their children
- b. Percentage of families who report they are satisfied with the decision making and planning

- opportunities in the early childhood system
- c. Total number and percentage of public and private partners who report that FTF planning process and activities use family centered practices (e.g. builds on family strengths, connects families with community resources, facilitates family interaction with early care and education professionals, offers the possibility of family and community input at all levels of decision-making)
 - d. Total number and percentage of public and private partners' who report they are satisfied with the extent and quality of coordination between public, private, and tribal systems

- How is this strategy building on the service network that currently exists:

This strategy depends on partnerships being forged and expanded among schools, child welfare agencies, health care providers, literacy, family service organizations and others in the Maricopa County community. Grantees will be required to collaborate with other family support organizations operating in the region.



- What are the opportunities for collaboration and alignment:

This strategy will help the Central Phoenix Regional Council build relationships with all family support providers including the faith-based community, health care providers, and child welfare agencies,

schools and other community early childhood providers by allowing such entities to receive appropriate referrals at-risk families for services. Opportunities may exist for collaboration with other Regional Partnership Councils, including the South Phoenix and North Phoenix Regional Partnership Councils.

SFY2012 Expenditure Plan for Proposed Strategy (How much of the total allocation will go to this strategy)

Allocation for proposed strategy	\$1,000,000
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Budget Justification:

Cost for eight full-time Family Support Specialists is estimated at \$75,000 each (inclusive of salary, ERE, supplies, mileage reimbursement, outreach and administrative costs for a total of \$600,000. The Family Support Specialists will be housed with community based providers which may require reimbursement to those agencies for space, phone service, etc. Note: Minimum contract will be about \$200,000 for each grantee, inclusive of the Family Support Specialists.



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RE: South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council Evaluation and Needs and Assets Report

Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

The South Regional Partnership Council has met, considered, and approved the following recommendations as presented by First Things First regional, evaluation, and policy staff. The Regional Council requests your consideration for approval of the following changes to strategy allotments for SFY 2012:

- **\$45,000** allotment reduction to the Evaluation strategy (Regional Program funds) to new amount of **\$155,000**. The remaining **\$155,000** in the strategy allotment is intended to conduct regional area evaluation studies in the areas of home visitation and family resource centers. Planning is being finalized with First Things First Evaluation Division, and is to be presented to the State Board at a future date.
- **\$45,000** allotment approval to fund the Needs and Assets strategy. Increased funding for additional data collection and analysis of four (4) distinct communities within the region.

The initial funding period for additional Needs and Assets data collection would be January 1, 2011– June 30, 2012. As stated in the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council SFY10 Funding Plan, the information on children ages 0-5 and their families in the South Phoenix Region is currently very limited. While the Needs and Assets report is an important first step in compiling local data and information, much more information is needed to fully understand the needs of children and families in the region, and the current quality of care and support that they receive.

To maximize the effectiveness of the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council's efforts, the Regional Council believes there is a need to collect regionally specific data and information to ensure the effective development and implementation of strategies. Dr. Eva Shivers and Dr. Ida Rose Florez, working in tandem with the FTF staff, has identified additional data points to be collected and analyzed around the 'hub' model. The smaller communities or 'hubs' that have been identified are South Phoenix (85041, 85042, 85040), Laveen (85339), Central South West (85043,

85009) and Maryvale/West Phoenix (85031, 85033 85035, 85037).

It is anticipated the South Phoenix Regional Partnership will have received data specific to their requests which will help further their depth and knowledge of the unmet needs and potential assets in the community. Supplied with the new and more detailed data, the council is armed to make more informed decisions that will better enhance system building and increase efficiencies across programming.

The South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council is pleased to offer this recommendation and is confident that the coordination with the First Things First Evaluation Team will ensure that the evaluation studies and additional needs and assets work will be conducted with full compliance with the current objectives of the Evaluation Division.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Donofrio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Robert Donofrio, Chair
South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

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Regional Partnership Council: South Phoenix
Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
Care Coordination/Medical Home	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$19,066,660.00	1,300,000.00	0.00	1,300,000.00
Child Care Health Consultation	\$1,056,000	\$1,056,000			0.00	1,056,000.00
Community Awareness	\$20,000	\$20,000			0.00	20,000.00
Community Outreach	\$100,000	\$100,000			0.00	100,000.00
Comprehensive Preventative Health Programs	\$400,000	\$400,000			0.00	400,000.00
Court Teams	\$200,000	\$200,000			0.00	200,000.00
Crisis Intervention	-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00
Developmental & Health Screening	\$400,000	\$400,000			0.00	400,000.00
Director Mentoring/Training	\$311,194	\$311,194			0.00	311,194.00
Evaluation	\$715,659	\$715,659			0.00	715,659.00
Family Resource Centers	\$200,000	\$200,000			0.00	155,000.00
	\$1,115,142	\$1,115,142			0.00	1,115,142.00
Family, Friends & Neighbors	\$650,000	\$650,000			0.00	650,000.00
FTF Professional REWARDS	\$200,000	\$200,000			0.00	200,000.00
Home Visitation	\$225,064	\$2,250,644			0.00	2,250,644.00
Media	\$150,000	\$150,000			0.00	150,000.00
Mental Health Consultation	\$600,000	\$600,000			0.00	600,000.00
Oral Health	\$580,000	\$580,000			0.00	580,000.00
Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000			0.00	2,400,000.00
Prenatal Outreach	\$550,000	\$550,000			0.00	550,000.00
Quality First	\$1,485,250	\$1,485,250			0.00	1,485,250.00
Quality First Child Care Scholarships	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000			0.00	1,400,000.00
Recruitment - Stipends/Loan Forgiveness	\$500,000	\$500,000			0.00	500,000.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$375,960	\$375,960			0.00	375,960.00
Needs and Assets					0.00	45,000.00
Total	14,934,269.00	15,959,849.00	\$16,959,849.00		\$0.00	\$16,959,849.00
Total Unallotted		\$2,106,811.00	\$2,106,811.00			



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June 3, 2011

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RE: Change in Allotment to CCHC

Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board:

The Yavapai Regional Partnership Council has met, considered, and approved a decrease to the allotment for Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC) for SFY2012. The council requests that the CCHC allotment decrease from \$ 320,000 to \$280,000; with a decrease in target service units from 60 centers/homes to 50 centers/homes. We seek board approval to implement this change as a result of the renewal application process.

As part of the renewal application discussion, the CCHC grantee shared input on the feasibility to reach target service units in the Yavapai region. As a result of these conversations, the council reviewed the target service units and corresponding budgetary changes. With input and a presentation from the grantee, the council determined that a decrease in target service units with a corresponding decrease in funding was appropriate for the region.

We seek your approval of this allotment change and thank you in advance for your support of children and families in Yavapai County.

Sincerely,

Anne Babinsky Rawlings, Chair
Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

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Regional Partnership Council: Yavapai
Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
Child Care Health Consultation	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$280,000.00	0.00		280,000.00
Community Outreach	\$95,000	\$95,000	95,000.00	0.00		95,000.00
Community Partnerships	\$60,000	\$60,000	60,000.00	0.00		60,000.00
Community-based Literacy	-	\$47,500	47,500.00	0.00		47,500.00
Court Teams	\$62,000	\$62,000	62,000.00	0.00		62,000.00
Evaluation	\$178,029	\$178,029	178,029.00	0.00		178,029.00
Family Support	\$35,000	\$35,000	35,000.00	0.00		35,000.00
Coordination						
Food Security	\$100,000	\$100,000	100,000.00	0.00		100,000.00
Home Visitation	\$1,010,000	\$1,010,000	1,010,000.00	0.00		1,010,000.00
Media	\$50,000	\$50,000	50,000.00	0.00		50,000.00
Mental Health Consultation	\$312,500	\$312,500	312,500.00	0.00		312,500.00
Needs and Assets	\$36,971	\$36,971	36,971.00	0.00		36,971.00
Parent Education	\$250,000	\$250,000	250,000.00	0.00		250,000.00
Community-Based Training						
Parent Outreach and Awareness	\$50,000	\$50,000	50,000.00	0.00		50,000.00
Prenatal Outreach	\$380,000	\$380,000	380,000.00	0.00		380,000.00
Quality First	\$428,250	\$428,250	428,250.00	0.00		428,250.00
Quality First Child Care	\$900,000	\$900,000	900,000.00	0.00		900,000.00
Scholarships						
Scholarships TEACH	\$144,600	\$144,600	144,600.00	0.00		144,600.00
Total	4,412,350.00	4,459,850.00	\$4,419,850.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$4,419,850.00
Total Unallotted		\$3,083.00	\$43,083.00			



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Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

The Coconino Regional Partnership Council is requesting your approval on the following two items, which were approved by the Coconino Regional Partnership Council at the May 23, 2011 Regional Council Meeting.

The Coconino Regional Partnership Council is requesting approval for the Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment agreement. The Regional Council approved the agreement on May 23, 2011.

The Coconino Regional Partnership Council approved allotting \$100,000 for the Early Childhood Education Study – Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment for FY2012. This strategy was approved for FY2011 and the funds were allotted in FY2011 (\$100,000), but not in FY2012. Due to the delays in getting the government to government agreement completed and approved by the Hopi Tribal Council, the assessment will now begin on July 1, 2011 (FY2012).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Julianne Hartzell, Chair
Coconino Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: Coconino
Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$3,062,276.00				
Child Care Health Consultation	\$52,300	\$76,000	76,000.00	0.00		76,000.00
Community Awareness	\$10,000	\$10,000	10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00
Community Outreach	\$50,000	\$50,000	50,000.00	0.00		50,000.00
ECE Study		\$100,000	100,000.00	0.00	93,692.00	6,308.00
Evaluation	\$95,602	\$95,602	95,602.00	0.00		95,602.00
Family, Friends & Neighbors	\$121,824	\$121,824	121,824.00	0.00		121,824.00
FTF Professional REWARD\$	\$70,000	\$70,000	70,000.00	0.00		70,000.00
Home Visitation	\$407,413	\$407,413	407,413.00	0.00		407,413.00
Media	\$72,730	\$72,730	72,730.00	0.00		72,730.00
Needs and Assets	\$45,000	\$45,000	45,000.00	0.00		45,000.00
Oral Health	\$150,000	\$150,000	150,000.00	0.00		150,000.00
Quality First	\$369,500	\$369,500	369,500.00	0.00		369,500.00
Quality First Child Care Scholarships	\$692,570	\$531,170	531,170.00	0.00		531,170.00
Recruitment – Stipends/Loan Forgiveness	\$140,000	\$140,000	140,000.00	0.00		140,000.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$76,000	\$52,300	52,300.00	0.00		52,300.00
Service Coordination	\$150,000	\$150,000	150,000.00	0.00		150,000.00
Summer Transition to Kindergarten	\$198,000	\$198,000	198,000.00	0.00		198,000.00
To Be Determined	-	-	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total	2,700,939.00	2,639,539.00	\$2,639,539.00	0.00	\$93,692.00	\$2,545,847.00
Total Unallotted		\$422,737.00	\$422,737.00			



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Chair Lynn and Members of the First Things First Board:

The Gila Regional Partnership Council is pleased to present to the First Things First Board a line item adjustment to the SFY2011 funding plan for consideration of approval for SFY2011. The Gila Regional Partnership Council met, considered and approved these adjustments at their May 12, 2011 Regular meeting.

The Gila Regional Partnership Council discussed the SFY2011 Oral Health line item of \$25,000.00. Although the Gila Regional Council is committed to continuing pursuing implementation of an Oral Health Strategy in SFY2012, it was determined that this strategy will not be implemented in SFY2011. The Gila Regional Council is respectfully requesting the First Things First Board to approve this line item be moved to carry forward for SFY2011.

The Gila Regional Council originally approved funding for two (2) centers and two (2) homes for Quality First participation in SFY2012. In SFY2011, three (3) centers have been enrolled in Quality First and an additional center has applied for participation. No homes have applied for participation. The Gila Regional Council is respectfully requesting adding an additional \$14,500 to the Quality First Strategy to increase the total SFY2012 funding for this line item to \$90,000 and an additional \$2,600 to T.E.A.C.H. to increase the total SFY2012 funding for this line item to \$49,500. This would utilize \$17,100 from the SFY2011 carry forward dollars to increase SFY2012 target numbers to four centers to better address the needs of the region.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully,

Sue Yale, Chair
Gila Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: Gila
Year: FY11

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$1,120,128.00				
Arizona Health Survey	-	\$1,002	1,002.00	0.00		1,002.00
Child Care Health	-	\$10,892	10,892.00	0.00		10,892.00
Consultation	-	\$1,275	1,275.00	0.00		1,275.00
Child Care Study	-	\$240	240.00	0.00		240.00
Children's Budget	-	\$1,000	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
Community Awareness	\$1,000	\$45,500	45,500.00	0.00		45,500.00
Community Outreach	\$45,500	\$45,000	45,000.00	0.00		45,000.00
Community-based Literacy	\$45,000	\$56,650	56,650.00	0.00		56,650.00
Developmental & Health	\$56,650	\$26,723	26,723.00	0.00		26,723.00
Screening	\$40,000	\$100,439	100,439.00	0.00		100,439.00
Evaluation	\$85,000	\$10,310	10,310.00	0.00		10,310.00
Home Visitation	\$10,000	\$139,547	139,547.00	0.00		139,547.00
Media	\$150,000	\$2,565	2,565.00	0.00		2,565.00
Mental Health Consultation		\$25,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Needs and Assets	-	\$1,233	1,233.00	0.00		1,233.00
Oral Health	\$25,000	\$73,167	73,167.00	0.00		73,167.00
Parent Kits - Study	-	\$150,000	150,000.00	0.00		150,000.00
Quality First	\$102,420	\$123,000	123,000.00	0.00		123,000.00
Quality First Child Care	\$150,000	\$48,500	48,500.00	0.00		48,500.00
Scholarships	\$123,000	\$82,043.00	82,043.00	0.00		82,043.00
Recruitment -		\$837,043.00	837,043.00	0.00		837,043.00
Stipends/Loan Forgiveness	\$32,600	\$283,085.00	283,085.00	0.00		283,085.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$32,600	\$837,043.00	837,043.00	0.00		837,043.00
Total	866,170.00	\$258,085.00	\$258,085.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$837,043.00
Total Unallotted						

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: Gila
Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$889,323.00				
Child Care Health Consultation	\$16,000	\$16,000	16,000.00	0.00		16,000.00
Community Awareness	\$10,000	\$10,000	10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00
Community Outreach	\$47,500	\$47,500	47,500.00	0.00		47,500.00
Community-based Literacy	\$85,000	\$85,000	85,000.00	0.00		85,000.00
Developmental & Health Screening	\$56,650	\$56,650	56,650.00	0.00		56,650.00
Evaluation	\$35,043	\$35,043	35,043.00	0.00		35,043.00
Home Visitation	\$200,000	\$85,000	85,000.00	0.00		85,000.00
Media	\$15,328	\$15,328	15,328.00	0.00		15,328.00
Mental Health Consultation	\$125,000	\$125,000	125,000.00	0.00		125,000.00
Oral Health	\$25,000	\$25,000	25,000.00	0.00		25,000.00
Parent Education Community-Based Training	\$115,000	\$115,000	115,000.00	0.00		115,000.00
Quality First	\$75,500	\$75,500	90,000.00	0.00		90,000.00
Quality First Child Care Scholarships	\$150,000	\$150,000	150,000.00	0.00		150,000.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$46,900	\$46,900	49,500.00	0.00		49,500.00
To Be Determined	-	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total	1,002,921.00	887,921.00	\$905,021.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$905,021.00
Total Unallotted		\$1,402.00	(\$15,698.00)			



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Chair Lynn and Members of the First Things First Board:

The Cochise Regional Partnership Council is pleased to present to the First Things First Board a line item adjustment for consideration of approval for SFY 2012.

The Cochise Regional Partnership Council met and discussed the SFY 2012 Food Security strategy allotment. In November 2010, the Regional Council motioned to approve the Food Security strategy in the amount of \$100,000 for SFY 2012. In conducting work sessions and releasing a RFGA in late February with only one applicant, the Cochise Regional Council moved to defund the Food Security strategy for SFY 2012, on May 19, 2011 with the excess funding to be addressed at a later date.

The Cochise Regional Council is respectfully requesting the First Things First Board to approve this line item adjustment for SFY 2012. On May 19, 2011 the Regional Council motioned to move \$100,000 from the Food Security line item to the carry forward line item for SFY 2012.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Howe, Chair
Cochise Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: Cochise

Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$3,193,316.00				
Child Care Health Consultation	\$84,000	\$84,000	84,000.00	0.00		84,000.00
Communications	-	-	0.00	0.00		0.00
Community Awareness	\$21,000	\$21,000	21,000.00	0.00		21,000.00
Community Outreach	-	-	0.00	0.00		0.00
Evaluation	\$131,175	\$131,175	131,175.00	0.00		131,175.00
Food Security	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00	0.00		0.00
Home Visitation	\$1,039,250	\$1,039,250	1,039,250.00	0.00		1,039,250.00
Media	\$69,730	\$69,730	69,730.00	0.00		69,730.00
Mental Health Education & Credentials	\$49,999	\$49,999	49,999.00	0.00		49,999.00
Needs and Assets	\$10,000	\$10,000	10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00
Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity	\$168,552	\$168,552	168,552.00	0.00		168,552.00
Oral Health	\$190,000	\$190,000	190,000.00	0.00		190,000.00
Quality First	\$444,450	\$444,450	444,450.00	0.00		444,450.00
Quality First Child Care Scholarships	\$584,000	\$584,000	584,000.00	0.00		584,000.00
Recruitment – Stipends/Loan Forgiveness	\$80,500	\$80,500	80,500.00	0.00		80,500.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$119,985	\$119,985	119,985.00	0.00		119,985.00
Service Coordination	\$100,000	\$100,000	100,000.00	0.00		100,000.00
Total	3,192,641.00	3,192,641.00	\$3,092,641.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$3,092,641.00
Total Unallotted			\$100,675.00			



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May 12, 2011

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Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Central Pima Regional Partnership Council, we are respectfully requesting modifications to the Central Pima Regional Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2012. The Central Pima Regional Partnership Council met, considered and approved two changes to the Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan:

- Development of a new strategy, *Innovative Small Grants* in the amount of \$300,000 (strategy worksheet attached).
- Enhancing the *Innovative Professional Development* strategy by 10% in the amount of \$70,140 to develop a new Community of Practice tailored to the needs of Child Care Center Owners and Directors.

After extensive research of the 2010 Central Pima Needs and Assets report, the Regional Council identified gaps in service delivery that reflect very fundamental and core needs of young children, their families and caregivers that relate to health, early literacy, education and safety. The intent of the *Innovative Small Grants* strategy is to target young children, their families and family, friend and neighbor caregivers who are disconnected from the current service delivery continuum of services and supports available in the region. Because these populations, who may be linguistically and socially isolated, are not accessing services and supports, the Regional Council is looking for innovative approaches in addressing these fundamental needs.

During the review of the Central Pima Needs and Assets report, a fourth priority was identified, professional development for Child Care Center Owner and Directors. There are a multitude of comprehensive professional development opportunities offered within the Central Pima region, yet none are specifically targeted to the professional growth of Center Directors and Center Owners. As an instrumental leader overseeing staff and the daily operations of an early care and education program, the Center Director and Center Owner has the responsibility and many times, the ability to set the direction and priorities of the program. The Central Pima Regional Council recognizes the importance of coordination of services and building upon the early childhood professional development system in the Central Pima region. Therefore, the Regional Council has elected to enhance the currently implemented *Innovative Professional Development* strategy by 10% to develop a new Community of Practice (or cohort) of Child Care Center Owners and Directors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Magelli, Vice-Chair
Central Pima Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: Central Pima

Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$10,854,547.00				
Center-based Literacy	\$86,350	\$86,350	86,350.00	0.00		86,350.00
Child Care Health Consultation	\$136,000	\$136,000	136,000.00	0.00		136,000.00
Community Awareness	\$23,444	\$23,444	23,444.00	0.00		23,444.00
Community Outreach	\$69,837	\$69,837	69,837.00	0.00		69,837.00
Community Partnerships	-	-	0.00	0.00		0.00
Community-Based ECE Training	\$701,400	\$701,400	771,540.00	701,400.00	70,140.00	0.00
Evaluation	\$598,128	\$678,159	678,159.00	0.00		678,159.00
Expansion: Increase slots and/or capital expense	\$636,000	\$636,000	636,000.00	0.00		636,000.00
FTF Professional REWARD\$	\$528,750	\$528,750	528,750.00	0.00		528,750.00
Home Visitation	\$2,423,000	\$2,423,000	2,423,000.00	0.00		2,423,000.00
Media	\$66,720	\$66,720	66,720.00	0.00		66,720.00
Mental Health Consultation	\$500,000	\$500,000	500,000.00	0.00		500,000.00
Needs and Assets	\$20,000	\$20,000	20,000.00	0.00		20,000.00
Parent Education Community-Based Training	\$161,700	\$161,700	161,700.00	0.00		161,700.00
Quality First	\$692,500	\$692,500	692,500.00	0.00		692,500.00
Quality First Child Care	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	2,450,000.00	0.00		2,450,000.00
Scholarships	\$61,500	\$61,500	61,500.00	0.00		61,500.00
Recruitment – Stipends/Loan						
Forgiveness	\$100,000	\$100,000	100,000.00	0.00		100,000.00
Scholarships non-TEACH	\$478,700	\$478,700	478,700.00	0.00		478,700.00
Scholarships TEACH			300,000.00	0.00		300,000.00
Innovative Small Grants						
Total	9,734,029.00	9,814,060.00	\$0.00	701,400.00	\$70,140.00	\$9,412,660.00
Total Unallotted		\$1,040,487.00	\$10,854,547.00			

First Things First Central Pima Regional Partnership Council

New Strategy Worksheet- *Innovative Small Grants*

Strategy Name: *Community Partnerships*

Strategy Description: *Innovative Small Grants*

In December 2010, the Central Pima Regional Partnership Council voted to develop a new strategy, *Innovative Small Grants*. Currently, the Regional Council supports implementation of several regional strategies that address myriad needs of young children and their families; however gaps in service delivery still exist for specific target populations within the region. These additional gaps in the region represent potential system-building opportunities that align with First Things First goals and priorities but do not currently align with a pre-existing strategy. The Regional Council supports innovative approaches that will be brought forth by community stakeholders and organizations, including those not currently connected with the early childhood development and health system that propose services that focus on addressing identified gaps while simultaneously building upon the early childhood education and health continuum. Organizations who express interest in applying for an innovative small grant may submit an application that encompasses one, two or all three of the components described below.

The intent of the Regional Council is to target young children, their families and family, friend and neighbor caregivers who are disconnected from the current service delivery continuum of services and supports available in the region. The Regional Council has extensively researched the 2010 Central Pima Regional Needs and Assets report and identified several gaps that would be identified as basic, fundamental needs of young children, their families and caregivers. Therefore, the Regional Council's focus is helping the child, family and caregiver in ensuring connections and access to fundamental needs related to health, early literacy, education and safety. Two components, which center on increasing access to health-based services and supports and increasing early language enrichment and early literacy, are instrumental in the health and development of young children. A third component focuses on supporting Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers in the region. The Regional Council deduces that many of the young children who are not accessing health services and early literacy enrichment also may not be connected to a caregiver who is licensed, regulated and monitored.

The Regional Council is targeting families in greatest need, who may not currently utilize medical-based supports, literacy in the home, and/or safe and stable child care for their young children. Because these young children, their families and Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers are isolated in a variety of ways from the current service delivery continuum, a coordinated, innovative and culturally responsive approach in meeting the multiple needs of families and their young children through the following components is the priority of the Regional Council:

1) Increase Access to Health-Based Services & Supports

Increasing the rates of well child checks and immunizations in addition to connecting families with additional services and supports (such as family support programs, resource and referral to various community services, health insurance enrollment, nutrition, etc.) is a core component of this strategy. Because the target population represents families who may not be currently accessing health-based services (or access is significantly limited), innovative approaches in connecting families who are not familiar with or not currently connected with the health system and other family support services (including First Things First supported programs) is imperative in addressing the low rates of immunizations, health insurance enrollment, prenatal care, well child checks, etc.

Access to medical care and a medical home is critical in the development and well-being of young children. From the 2010 Needs and Assets report, the number of young children in Central Pima receiving well child checks and immunizations is significantly low. It is important the approach to increasing the access to health-based services and supports engages families in a culturally responsive and individualized manner.

2) Increase Language Enrichment & Early Literacy

The Regional Council has identified early literacy and language enrichment as the second component. The 2010

Needs and Assets reports the Central Pima region includes families who are considered to be socially isolated, linguistically isolated and/or families who may not understand the importance of early literacy. A continuum of early literacy and language enrichment approaches will provide an innovative opportunity to engage families with diverse backgrounds in literacy rich experiences that are culturally and linguistically responsive.

From the 2010 Needs and Assets report, the initial AIMS scores of third grade students is one of the first indicators of long-term student success and educational attainment. In the largest school district in Central Pima, Tucson Unified School District (TUSD), vast discrepancies in the passage of the reading portion of the AIMS test exist. Overall, TUSD third graders passed reading by 67%. In specific zip codes, such as 85711 and 85713 reading test passage rates are as low as 38% and 48% respectively.

When families are not able to provide early learning experiences for their children that are optimal for their development, either at home or in a care setting, disparities in achievement have the increased propensity to continue into elementary and secondary school, and beyond.¹ Therefore, family educational attainment and early literacy experiences play a powerful influence in a child's development. Research suggests that community-based family literacy opportunities may impact both the young child and participating families members (Literacy N.C., 2009). In addition, early literacy opportunities that involve young children and their families have a significant impact on the oral development of language skills and print knowledge, which are two key indicators in reading readiness. Neuman, Copple and Bredekamp (2000), stated "the single most important activity for building...skills essential for reading success appears to be reading aloud to children."

3) Outreach to Family, Friend & Neighbor Caregivers

Family, Friend and Neighbor (also known as Kith and Kin) care is prevalent in the region. To support Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers, the Regional Council has identified the need to provide professional development and support. The Regional Council deduces that many of the young children who are not accessing health services and early literacy enrichment also may not be connected to a caregiver who is licensed, regulated and monitored.

The Regional Council recognizes the significant population of young children, the high percentage of families in the workforce and the availability of licensed child care placements do not coincide. For example, from the 2010 Needs and Assets report, over 54% of children under six live with two parents in the household and work in the Central Pima region. In addition, 78% of children under six living with one parent have that parent in the workforce. While the majority of parents in the region are working, the region has approximately 13,546 regulated child care placements for approximately 44,447 young children in the region. From these statistics, coupled with the high costs of regulated care (which can account up to 16-18 percent of gross family income) and widespread poverty help inform the Regional Council of the existence of family, friend and neighbor care occurring within the Central Pima region.

Providing professional development to Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers has the opportunity to strengthen the relationship between child, the family and caregiver. Evidence suggests professional development provided to home-based family, friend, and neighbor caregivers can result in positive outcomes for children. In a study including Arizona home-based providers, impact was noted in the following areas: Safety in the home environment; Establishing and maintaining a daily schedule for the children; Encouraging providers to utilize the resources of their local library; Developing a written formalized child care services agreement with parents and other forms of support.

¹ Richard N. Brandon, Ph.D., Hilary Loeb, Ph.D., and Maya Magarati, Ph.D. A Framework for an Early Learning through Postsecondary Approach to Data and Policy Analysis, Washington Kids Count/Human Services Policy Center, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, December, 2009.

² ERIC Education Resource Information Center, ED496388, Strategies for Supporting Quality in Kith and Kin Child Care: Findings from the Early Head Start Enhanced Home Visiting Pilot Evaluation. Final Report, <http://eric.ed.gov>

Goal Area: Each component of an innovative small grant opportunity aligns with an Arizona Early Childhood Taskforce Priority.

- Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services
- Early Literacy and Language Development: Supports and Services for Families
- Outreach to Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers: Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings

Goal: Each component of the innovative small grants has a specific, targeted goal as identified by the Regional Council and justified as a need from the 2010 Needs and Assets report.

- **Increase Access to Health-Based Services & Supports** First Things First will coordinate and integrate with existing education and information systems to expand families' access to high quality, diverse and relevant information and resources to support their child's optimal development
- **Increase Language Enrichment & Early Literacy**
First Things First will increase the availability, quality and diversity of relevant resources that support language and literacy development for young children and their families.
- **Outreach to Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers**
First Things First will improve access to quality early care and education programs and settings.

Key Measure/s:

- **Increase Access to Health-Based Services & Supports**
 - Total number of children receiving immunizations
 - Total number of children receiving well child checks
 - Total number of children enrolled in health insurance
 - Total number of families receiving referrals for community based services
 - Total number of families receiving referrals for health insurance or health coverage enrollment
 - Number of awareness sessions offered to families
- **Increase Language Enrichment & Early Literacy**
 - Percentage of families with children birth through age five who report they maintain literacy rich environments
 - Percentage of families with children birth through age five who report reading to their children daily in their primary language
 - Total number of children attending family literacy activities
- **Outreach to Family, Friend & Neighbor Caregivers**
 - Number of family, friend and neighbor early care and education providers participating
 - Number of family, friend and neighbor early care and education providers receiving professional development
 - Number of family, friend and neighbor early care and education providers receiving technical assistance

Target Population: Geographically the Regional Council recognizes there are significant pockets of poverty prevalent in the region. As noted in the 2010 Needs and Assets report, zip codes such as 85705, 85711, 85713 exhibit extenuating needs. Given the density of the Central Pima region, the Regional Council does not intend to limit service delivery to specific zip codes but does place an emphasis on prioritizing services to zip codes that exhibit the greatest need.

	units	SFY 2011	SFY 2012	SFY 2013
Regional Council Target Service Numbers	FTF service units: (example- number of families served)	N/A	50 Families for increase access to health-based services and supports	50 Families for increase access to health-based services and supports
	service units		50 families for increase language enrichment	50 families for increase language enrichment

			and early literacy 15 Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers	and early literacy 15 Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers
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Performance Measures:

- **Increase Access to Health-Based Services & Supports**
 - Total number of children receiving immunizations/proposed service number
 - Total number of children receiving well child checks/proposed service number
 - Total number of families receiving referrals for community based services/ proposed service number
 - Total number of families receiving referrals for health insurance or health coverage enrollment/proposed service number
 - Total number of awareness sessions offered/proposed service number
 - Total number of people reached by awareness sessions/proposed service number
- **Increase Language Enrichment & Early Literacy**
 - Number of parents participating in family education activities/proposed service number
 - Number of families reporting an increase in the number of days their family reads/strategic target number (FTF provided questions on a pre/post survey)
 - Number of families reporting satisfaction with family education activities and support/actual service number
- **Outreach to Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers**
 - Total number of family, friend and neighbor early care and education providers served/proposed service number
 - Total number of family, friend and neighbor early care and education providers receiving professional development/proposed service number
 - Total number of professional development sessions conducted/proposed service number
 - Total number of technical assistance visits conducted/proposed service number

SFY 2012 Expenditure Plan for Proposed Strategy

TOTAL ALLOTTMENT for proposed strategy: \$300,000

Budget Justification/Estimates of Costs:

One Request For Grant Application (RFGA) totaling \$300,000 will be released. The intent of the RFGA is to identify innovative approaches related to three components: Increase Access to Health Based Services and Supports (\$100,000); Increase Language Enrichment and Early Literacy (\$100,000); and Outreach to Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers (\$100,000). Each component will have a maximum award of \$100,000 and multiple awards may be made for any component.

Organizations will be able to apply for one, two or all three of the components.



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June 3, 2011

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Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the South Pima Regional Partnership Council, I am writing to request a modification to the South Pima Regional 2012 Funding Plan previously submitted for your approval.

The South Pima Regional Partnership met on April 21, 2011 and made two changes to the South Pima Regional Partnership Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan. The Regional Council approved and respectfully requests your consideration for approval of the following funding changes:

- Decrease allotment to Expansion of Child Care with Capital Improvement strategy from \$873,682 to \$673,682.
- Remaining allotment to Expansion of Child Care with Capital Improvement strategy will be \$277,153.

This change will allow the South Pima Regional Council to shift unawarded funds to a new strategy to address expansion of early education services in the region. The original intent of the Regional Council was to utilize the Expansion with Capital Improvement strategy to support rural communities in the provision of early education programs. It has become evident that this strategy, in itself, is not sufficient to address these needs. The Regional Council has determined that the Pre Kindergarten Scholarships strategy in combination with the Expansion with Capital Improvement strategy will better address the capacity need in the rural communities. The Regional Council desires to leave a balance of \$277,153 in the Expansion with Capital Improvement strategy. South Pima is currently funding a planning grant for the community of Ajo through this strategy, in the amount of \$77,153. This leaves a remaining balance of \$200,000 to address anticipated facility and playground improvements to meet licensing requirements for programs funded through the new Pre Kindergarten Scholarships strategy.

Implement a strategy new to South Pima:

- Pre Kindergarten Scholarships with an allotment of \$300,000

Thank you for considering approval of these changes that will result in an increased number of children benefitting from services in the South Pima region.

Sincerely,

Anthony Bruno
South Pima Regional Council Chair

South Pima Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: South Pima
Year: FY12

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$7,312,783.00				
Center-based Literacy	112,090.00	112,090.00	112,090.00	-	-	112,090.00
Child Care Health Consultation	432,000.00	432,000.00	432,000.00	-	-	432,000.00
Community Awareness	18,961.00	18,961.00	18,961.00	-	-	18,961.00
Community Outreach	46,564.00	46,564.00	46,564.00	-	-	46,564.00
Community-Based ECE Training	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00
Evaluation	260,663.00	260,663.00	260,663.00	-	-	260,663.00
Expansion: Increase slots and/or capital expense	873,682.00	873,682.00	673,682.00	-	-	673,682.00
FTF Professional REWARD\$	211,500.00	211,500.00	211,500.00	-	-	211,500.00
Health Insurance Enrollment	188,295.00	188,295.00	188,295.00	-	-	188,295.00
Home Visitation	973,046.00	973,046.00	973,046.00	-	-	973,046.00
Media	74,475.00	74,475.00	74,475.00	-	-	74,475.00
Needs and Assets	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	30,000.00
Oral Health	224,998.00	224,998.00	224,998.00	-	-	224,998.00
Parent Education Community-Based Training	48,400.00	48,400.00	48,400.00	-	-	48,400.00
Quality First	1,937,000.00	1,937,000.00	1,937,000.00	-	-	1,937,000.00
Quality First Child Care	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	500,000.00
Scholarships	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00
Scholarships non-TEACH	446,200.00	446,200.00	446,200.00	-	-	446,200.00
Scholarships TEACH	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	-	150,000.00
Service Coordination			300,000.00	-	-	300,000.00
Pre-K Scholarships						
Total	6,777,874.00	6,777,874.00	\$973,682.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$6,877,874.00
Total Unallotted		\$534,909.00	\$6,339,101.00			



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May 18, 2011

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Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

The Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council respectfully requests a modification to its Regional Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2012.

On May 18, 2011, the Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council met, considered, and approved the following change to the Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan, and respectfully requests Board approval for this change:

- An increase in the allotment to the Recruitment into the Field strategy from \$46,200 to \$48,795.

The Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council originally allotted \$42,600 to the Recruitment into the Field strategy for FY2012. During the grant renewal process, Cochise College, the partner implementing this program, reported an increase in tuition and fees for the academic year beginning in the fall of 2011.

In order to maintain the target service number of 20 scholars, the Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council approved an increase in the strategy allotment and grant award for FY2012. This increase will ensure adequate support for the target number of scholars participating in the program as well as the number of courses they have access to. Maintaining these numbers will ensure that as many professionals as possible are well prepared to enter the early childhood workforce.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Danna Gallardo, Chair

Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council

Regional Partnership Council Plan Funding Summary - Items for Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council: **Santa Cruz**
Year: **FY12**

Strategies	Original Allotment	Current Allotment	Proposed New Allotment	Awarded	New/Amended Awards (Marginal Amount)	Recalculated Unawarded
		\$1,580,881.00				
Child Care Health Consultation	\$120,000	\$120,000	120,000.00	0.00		120,000.00
Community Awareness Evaluation	\$55,000	\$55,000	55,000.00	0.00		55,000.00
Family Resource Centers	\$72,810	\$72,810	72,810.00	0.00		72,810.00
Home Visitation	\$552,600	\$552,600	552,600.00	0.00		552,600.00
Media	\$336,600	\$336,600	336,600.00	0.00		336,600.00
Oral Health	\$25,000	\$25,000	25,000.00	0.00		25,000.00
	\$74,800	\$74,800	74,800.00	0.00		74,800.00
Quality First Child Care	\$180,000	\$180,000	180,000.00	0.00		180,000.00
Scholarships						
Recruitment – Stipends/Loan Forgiveness	\$46,057	\$46,057	46,057.00	0.00		46,057.00
Recruitment into Field	\$46,200	\$46,200	48,795.00	0.00		48,795.00
Scholarships TEACH	\$29,000	\$29,000	29,000.00	0.00		29,000.00
Total	1,538,067.00	1,538,067.00	\$1,540,662.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$1,540,662.00
Total Unallotted		\$42,814.00	\$40,219.00			